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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 8, 2003 was filed after the mailing date of the Non-final action on May 8, 2003. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

After consideration, the newly cited art does not change the status of the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roger L Pang whose telephone number is 703-305-0445. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30am to 4:00pm.

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